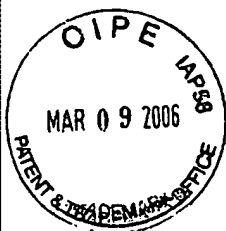


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In response to the Office Action of January 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.